



Connecticut Alliance of City Police

SB 332
P & D Committee
Public Hearing: 3/4/16

**Please OPPOSE SB 332 –
AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR AUTOMATED SPEED
ENFORCEMENT DEVICES**

The Connecticut Alliance of City Police (CACAP) is an organization whose members are 900 men and women who serve as sworn police officers in various Connecticut cities.

Police Officers support targeted enhanced video surveillance technologies that assist law enforcement officers in identifying and investigating certain crimes -- cameras inside and outside of buildings can act as a deterrent to crime and can indeed be helpful tools for law enforcement investigations.

However, roadway cameras -- a/k/a “automated speed enforcement devices” -- are a different story. We don’t believe that they work as a deterrent to dangerous driving; and we don’t believe that the roadway cameras are helpful tools for law enforcement and investigations -- because the cameras can’t always identify the actual driver of the vehicle; and the cameras cannot survey and analyze all of the surrounding circumstances -- both aggravating and mitigating -- when a driver crosses through a roadway intersection. The bill also seems to state that there is *prima facie* evidence that the owner of the photographed vehicle is deemed to be the violator -- which seems unfair.

Thank you for your consideration of our opposition to SB 332.

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